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Date: 1/23/02 11:42am **Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

- > Any proposed settlement that doesn't compel Microsoft to actually change
- > it's business practice is a waste of time and another victory for the
- > overbearing company. A Very Large Fine would get their attention, but
- > actual enforcement and action that prohibits Microsoft from squeezing out
- > competitors is important. Competition based on quality of product is one
- > thing, but based on illegal business practices should not be rewarded with
- > a wrist-slap.

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- > Any settlement involving free software, like the recently rejected
- > proposal, should not be considered as it just gives Micorosoft an
- > inexpensive foothold into additional markets.

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> Thank you.

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